

I would like to speak FOR ENFORCING the mobile number portability obligation. Even if the cost of the change is passed on to the consumer in a (similar to landline) "number portability charge", I would rather pay for this feature and have more choice over mobile carriers than to have my choices hindered by concerns over the phone number I will receive.

Myself, and several co-workers have been hesitant to change to other mobile phone companies, even if they are offering more lucrative service offers, simply because we don't wish to have to inform everyone who may wish to contact us of a new cellular phone number.

I understand that no mobile company would wish to have this requirement imposed on them for two reasons. 1. Difficulty/cost in implementation, and 2. It would allow customers to more freely move to other carriers. These motivations are in the interest of the business and not in the interest of the consumer, which is why government regulation is needed to make this a more competitive marketplace where businesses have to win on service, not on the monopoly of a single phone number.

So I ask the FCC not to extend or revoke the number portability requirement. Make the carriers face the music, and help out the american consumer.